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Applicants: Graham P. Allaway et al.
Serial No.: 09/724,105 Examiner: Bao Qun Li
Filed: November 28, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1648
For: USES OF A CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR FOR INHIBITING HIV-1
INFECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION CONFIRMING THAT
MAY 19, 2004 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WILL BE VACATED

Further to a July 29, 2004 telephone conference between Ashton J. Delauney, Esq. of the undersigned's office and Examiner Bao Qun Li, this Communication is submitted to confirm that the Office Action issued May 19, 2004 imposing a restriction requirement will be vacated, and a new Office Action issued which takes into account the Preliminary Amendment filed November 28, 2000 which Examiner Li did not take into account when issuing the May 19, 2004 Office Action.

As Mr. Delauney discussed with Examiner Li, applicants canceled claims 2-5, 7, 10, 12, 14-16, 18, 20-21, 23-25, 28-30, 32-35, 37-42 and 44-47, and amended claims 11, 26 and 48 in the November 28, 2000 Preliminary Amendment. Pursuant to Examiner Li's request, applicants attach hereto a copy of the November 28, 2000 Preliminary Amendment (**Exhibit A**) and a copy of the postcard which accompanied the November 28, 2000 Preliminary Amendment and which was returned to applicants' representatives by the Patent Office (**Exhibit B**). This postcard confirms receipt of the Preliminary Amendment by the Patent Office, as evidenced by the Patent Office's stamp bearing the November 28, 2000 date.

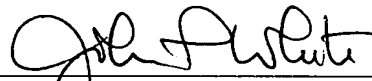
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Applicants' undersigned attorney understands that, upon receipt of and satisfaction with the documents submitted as Exhibits A and B, Examiner Li will enter the November 28, 2000 Preliminary Amendment, vacate the May 19, 2004 Office Action imposing a restriction requirement, and issue a new Office Action.

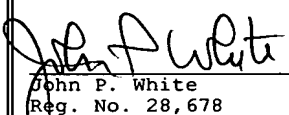
If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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